

Senate Resolution 281

By: Senator Tarver of the 22nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and congratulating Mr. Tracy Williams, Jr., on the occasion of his 75th
2 birthday; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Tracy Williams, Jr., is a long-time distinguished educator, public servant,
4 and community leader from Augusta; and

5 WHEREAS, he was born to retail merchant Tracy E. Williams, Sr. and his wife Mamie in
6 Augusta, Georgia, where he grew up with his sisters Katherine, Mamie, and Dollie. He
7 attended Haines Institute and graduated as salutatorian of the Class of 1949. He subsequently
8 attended Lincoln University in Pennsylvania and Morris Brown College in Atlanta, where
9 he received a B.A. Degree in Mathematics. Later, he completed advanced study in math and
10 physics at Hampton Institute in Virginia, and in 1970, he earned an M.A. Degree in
11 Supervision and Administration from Atlanta University; and

12 WHEREAS, he began a 35-year career in education at Waynesboro High School in
13 Waynesboro, Georgia, where he was a math and physics classroom teacher. He returned to
14 Augusta in 1956, where he married the former Willarena Lamar and began teaching at A.R.
15 Johnson Junior High. In 1964, he was named assistant principal of the newly opened T.W.
16 Josey High School. In 1976, he was named principal of Tubman Junior High School,
17 remaining there until his retirement in 1991. His personal emphasis on education was
18 highlighted by guiding and supporting his own children to obtain various degrees from
19 prominent universities, including Yale, Columbia, Georgetown, Smith, Northwestern, and
20 Michigan; and

21 WHEREAS, in the Augusta community, he has been involved with many social, civic, and
22 political organizations, including the Alpha Phi Alpha and Sigma Pi Phi fraternities, the
23 NAACP, and several local governmental and community boards and committees. He has
24 served as a valued mentor to numerous students and educational professionals. He has also
25 served in advisory positions for numerous political campaigns and is a current member and

1 former chairman of the Board of Tax Assessors for Richmond County. During his
2 retirement, he has enjoyed collecting stamps and coins, working in the yard, writing
3 opinion-editorial letters, traveling, and visiting his seven children and 11 grandchildren; and

4 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that he be recognized by this body.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
6 commend Mr. Tracy Williams, Jr., for his many contributions to the welfare of his
7 community and this state and congratulate him upon the occasion of his 75th birthday.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
9 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Tracy Williams, Jr.